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TO : File

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FROM :

SUBJECT: "Artichoke---Bluebird" Conference

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1. On 21 December 1951, 10:30 AM, a conference relative Bluebird was held in the office of _____ Those present were _____ writer. A
A, A, A

2. _____ stated that, at the present time, all of the _____ were co-operating 100% with the "Artichoke" work and he emphasized that there was a need for full co-ordination of the work within this Agency as well as co-ordination with the participating _____ A

_____ He stated that _____ of the _____ had recently completed his swing around the country to line up "clinically trained" people who would be available for work along "Artichoke" lines. He stated that the problem was, in the event, _____ was able to line up this type of personnel, what could be done with them. C, H
In other words, physically, where could they be placed if _____ was successful in obtaining them. Would they be attached to _____ or directly attached to _____ According to _____ these professionally and clinically trained individuals (apparently psychiatrists) were to be attached to the various "Artichoke" teams. In this connection, _____ visualized the last six teams in operation and these people were to be the medical component of the various teams. C
H
G, A
A

3. _____ stated that a very serious crisis had developed in the experimental work and that was that the experimental projects were running out of volunteers for drug and chemical experimentation. He stated that this was true of all agencies and that _____ and others had complained that they could no longer continue to use their own people as guinea pigs since the work was hazardous and ill effects had been felt by many of the subjects. _____ indicated that all agencies were looking toward CIA to produce volunteer personnel for this type of experimentation and _____ stated that he felt that through our overseas program and our dealings with aliens, we should be able to come up with aliens as volunteers or otherwise for the necessary experimentation in the "Artichoke" work. A
C
B
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4. _____ said that that was one of the original concepts of the plan and indicated that this matter was being considered. A

5. A question then arose as to whether _____ has been fully cut in to the "Artichoke" work. _____ stated _____ A, B
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that [redacted] was cut in to the "Artichoke" work but had not been briefed operationally. [redacted] stated that it might be a good idea to hold a conference with [redacted] and other members of the "Artichoke" group since [redacted] should be interested in this. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was definitely interested in the work and was becoming increasingly moroso. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had promised that he would give full support, furnish doctors, and act as consultant any time he was called upon to do so in this work. The conference agreed that after Christmas, a series of talks would be arranged with [redacted] and others relative this program and it was decided that [redacted] would call [redacted] and inform him that [redacted] would get in touch with him later for a conference or series of conferences with individuals working on "Artichoke".

6. There followed a short discussion on the use of [redacted] and [redacted] explained the Agency's position relative cover in connection with this type of work.

7. [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had heard that [redacted] was in [redacted] at exactly the same time [redacted] was there. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of [redacted] being in [redacted] at that time and to his positive knowledge, [redacted] did not touch any of the CIA installations in that country or he [redacted] would have heard of [redacted] presence. [redacted] stated that he did not know if [redacted] was in [redacted] but he had heard that he was there. [redacted] stated that he would attempt to verify if [redacted] had made this trip and for what reason.

8. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had just returned from a trip to [redacted] where he was a member of a team of three individuals apparently sent out by the [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] had reported on this trip to the [redacted] upon his return. [redacted] stated further that apparently the reason for the trip was to work out a co-ordinating committee that could set up a method of dealing with the [redacted] Government for securing and exchanging intelligence information.

9. [redacted] suggested that possibly [redacted] could have been at [redacted] and had conferences with the [redacted] people who were there. He stated that this also would have to do with the obtaining of intelligence-type information through the [redacted] government and that [redacted] as an [redacted] official, could conceivably have been talking with [redacted] people who were carrying on negotiations with the [redacted]

10. [redacted] stated that the recent case that was proposed for "Artichoke" work in [redacted] was erroneously handled, that the individual [redacted]

in question was a low-level agent, and that he was definitely ^{not} worth a trip by the "Artichoke" team.

11. [redacted] asked [redacted] if another operation occurred in the immediate future, could other interested agencies be cut in and further, could individuals of other agencies be brought directly into the operational case. [redacted] stated that this was not possible in any strict operational case. He stated that operational cases could only be handled by CIA people and that the introduction of [redacted] or other government personnel into the case was entirely too risky, would expose the cover of CIA people, and would spread the knowledge of the "artichoke" work too widely. [redacted] stated reports on operational cases, however, would be made available to all properly interested parties but as far as actual participation is concerned, it was not possible. A, A, A, H, H, A

12. [redacted] expressed the view that it was essential to tell all of the liaison men with whom he deals at once when "Artichoke" operations are being worked. He stated that this was essential because if he did not co-operate fully with these agencies they in turn would close the deal on supplying information to CIA; this would include technical information and operational information in which they were conducting the operations. A

13. [redacted] had been briefed concerning the "Artichoke" work. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been briefed by [redacted] /sometime previous. A, A, A, A, A

14. At this point, the conference again discussed [redacted] of the [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a fully cleared consultant, had been briefed by him and his work for the Agency had reached the implementation stage. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was to build up a reservoir of men for this type of work. In this connection, [redacted] he would write up his plans on these professionally trained [redacted] people in connection with the "Artichoke" work. [redacted] agreed to do this in the immediate future. A, A, A, C, H, A, C, A, H, A

15. The conference again discussed the use of alien subjects and all hands agreed that this presented the best possible means for human experimentation work. [redacted] in supporting this, stated that there are still a great number of serious questions involved operationally in the use of alien personnel in these experiments and in the actual tests. [redacted] stated that one of the most acute and perplexing problems in this matter was the disposal of individuals after they had been treated A

by "Artichoke". The discussion then turned to the nearness of some of the Agency bases to the ~~the~~
stated that he was recommending the setting up of vast bases for training, recruitment, holding, etc. far removed from the

stated that he had no particular ideas as to where these bases should be, but he thought possibly there might be good situations. He said that he would think that these places would make fine base areas since the Agency could secure several thousand acres or more of land for our use and in addition we could make these bases totally secure. He stated that it was his idea that once these bases were set up (and in the not too distant future) that "Artichoke" experimentation could be carried on extensively in these bases. He stated that in addition actual cases could be run at these bases since there would be there complete facilities for all types of work including sufficient guards, technical equipment, laboratory facilities, etc., etc. that would not exist elsewhere.

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